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SUBJECT: AIN SHAMS ENGLISH TEACHING PROJECT

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1. JWG MEETING WASHINGTON JUNE 2 AGREED ON CENTER PROJECT. CENTER TO BE HEADED BY FULL-TIME DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ISMAIL SAID THAT CENTER WOULD BE UNDER PRESIDENT AS, WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPOSED OF VICE-PRESIDENT AS, HEADS OF ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS ALL UNIVERSITIES, UNDER SECRETARY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (FOR ENGLISH), AND DIRECTOR, MANSHIET-EL-BAKRY.

2. ALTHOUGH HELMY NOT MENTIONED IN MEETINGS OR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS ISMAIL OR OTHERS IT APPARENT THAT HE IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR POST OF CENTER DIRECTOR. ISMAIL HAD NAMES THREE AL AZHAR PROFESSORS MENTIONED IN STATE REFERENCE ON HIS LIST FOR CONSIDERATION. HE ALSO INDICATED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY APPOINT DR. MOHAMMAD EZZAT ABDEL MAWGOOD (SEE ALDEN REPORT BACKGROUND PAGE 2) TO STAFF OF CENTER, ALTHOUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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HE IS TOO JUNIOR IN RANK TO BE DIRECTOR. ISMAIL ENVISAGES CENTER AS NATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH WILL HELP MEET NEEDS NOT ONLY AS BUT OTHER INSTITUTIONS. THIS

APPARENTLY IS REASON WHY HE DECIDED TO ELEVATE IT BY PLACING IT UNDER VP AS RATHER THAN DEAN FACULTY OF EDUCATION.

3. ISMAIL ALSO ASSURED US THAT QUESTION RECOGNITION AUC MA TEFL DEGREE WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECOGNITION SIMILAR DEGREE TO BE OFFERED BY CENTER. WE AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH. WE ALSO AGREE WITH EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AUC AND CENTER AS STATED REFERENCE.

4. ISMAIL WANTS A FOUR-PERSON UCLA TEAM THIS FALL. PRATOR WOULD WORK PRIMARILY WITH CENTER DIRECTOR ON ORGANIZATION OF CENTER. HUDSON WOULD ASSIST HIM AND ALSO TAKE OVER THIS FUNCTION WHEN PRATOR LEFT, BUT WOULD ALSO TEACH PART-TIME. TWO JUNIOR STAFF (MA'S) WOULD TEACH IN ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY OF ENGLISH. ALL TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE WORKED OUT BY PRATOR AFTER HE ARRIVES IN CAIRO. EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON WHEN PRATOR AND OTHERS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO IS REQUESTED. EXPECT TO HAVE NAMES AND BACKGROUND TWO JUNIOR STAFF FROM UCLA IN NEAR FUTURE. THEY WILL BE APPOINTED FOR ONE YEAR.

5. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, WHETHER TO US OR TO AUC, CAN BEST BE WORKED OUT AFTER UCLA TEAM ARRIVES. POSSIBLE TO START STUDY PROGRAMS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1976. AT SAME TIME THE QUESTION OF ALLOCATING A FEW GOE MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS TO THIS PROJECT CAN BE EXPLORED BY EMBASSY, CENTER DIRECTOR, UCLA TEAM. KISSINGER

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